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Your Honor,

I realize you have to read all of these emails so I'll be brief. Obviously the following comments could benefit from a more expanded examination but the basics are communicated well enough.

I believe the best solution is to split Microsoft into two separate entities. One which would be responsible for the Operating System and another which would be responsible for Applications and Development Tools. These two entities should have to operate under the following constraints:

1. The OS Entity should have to make available to any vendor the same API calls and documentation (and any other interaction) that it makes available to the Applications Entity. Apple does this, Linux does this, Unix Vendors do this - there's no reason Microsoft can't.
2. The Application Entity should be required to make available all OS calls it makes (and/or requires) to outside vendors/competitors. This would allow other OS vendors to provide the necessary entry points in their OS so the applications that run on Windows would be able to run on their systems with minimal or no changes. Eventually the reverse would be true as well. This would provide a benefit to the public (and smaller companies) in that there would be more programs available on more platforms at a cheaper cost.

Thank you for your time,
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